

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Beardsley Branch Library July 2024

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Service Statistics	<p>Number of new library cards: 108 (59A; 15J; 34 YA) Number of visitors: 4,350</p> <p>Number of questions answered: 2,261 (275 Reference, 510 Technical, 1,476 Other)</p>										
Collection Statistics	<p>Collection Size: 6,051 Total Added: 610</p>										
Circulation Statistics	<p>Total Circ: 1,851 In-house: 150</p>										
Public Internet Usage	<p>Users for the month: 792 Total Wifi connections: n/a</p>										
Room Usage	<p>Community Room: 7 times; Collaboration Hub: 17 times; Study Rooms: 72 times; Total Attendance: 226 patrons Podcast Studio: 4 recording sessions, 8 studio hours</p>										
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Other Services	<p>Digital Navigator (1-1.5hr): 7 sessions Notary Public: 18 sessions LuxerOne Pickup Locker: 15 deliveries</p>										
Outreach	<p>7/8 Class visit at the Library from St. Paul's Daycare: 27 attendees 7/23 PC Class Teaching at Eisenhower Senior Center: 4 attendees 7/15 & 7/30 Outreach at Bullard Havens High School: 54 attendees</p>										
Staff Development	<p>7/10 Anna attended the Digital Safety and Privacy for Librarians Webinar 7/17 Andre attended Library of Things Webinar hosted by the CLC 7/30 Anna attended Technologies in Public Libraries; Results from PLA's 2003 Annual Survey</p>										

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- July was a busy month at Beardsley; we had over 4,000 visitors coming in to cool off on hot days. And also, over 1,800 items circulated that month - the highest circulating items were, as always, children's picture books.
- PROGRAMMING: In July, we offered a great variety of library programs and events such as our weekly Chess Club for Kids, which has doubled in attendance over the summer. The majority of children who attend are between ages 5-12. Besides pairing players for chess matches and giving lessons to beginners, our library staff Phil and Elvis, who lead the class, also use the large size PC monitor to introduce children to various chess strategies at the beginning of each session. At the end of the class children are highly encouraged to check out nonfiction books on Chess.
- PROGRAMMING: We held 5 computer classes with total of 57 attendees. The topics were: Google Sheets; Google Slides; MS Excel; All About Emails; and Intro to Typing.
- PROGRAMMING: On July 24th, the Discovery Museum conducted "Be a Space Engineer" workshop for students in grades: 2-7. Students could participate in creating a simple rocket models, spacesuit designs, and other space engineer related activities.
- St. Paul's Daycare visited the library on July 8th for a guided class visit with librarian. Besides storytime and an introduction to library resources, the students were able to watch a Booflix story on the large screen.
- Thanks to Brian and Peter, we got our fourth public computer station installed in the Community Room, which is used during computer classes and other programs.
- COLLECTION: We received hundreds of new materials in July. Patrons are excited borrowing new titles; besides picture books, adult nonfiction has been gaining in popularity among our patrons as well.
- BOOK DISPLAYS IN JULY: Celebrating 4th of July; Summer Reading 2024.
- OUTREACH: On July 15th and 30th, Phil and Anna visited the Bullard-Havens High School and were able to register many teens for library cards. The teachers were excited about cards too.
- OUTREACH: Andre and Phil taught a PC class at the Eisenhower Senior Center on 7/23/24.
- OUTREACH: Andre participated on the first day of the Farmer's Market in downtown on July 11th; Elvis represented the library in the Puerto Rican Parade on July 14th.
- SUCCESSES: After various security guard changes in the past year, Gabriel Rodriguez has become our permanent guard.
- CONCERNS: After school outreach at Bullard-Havens High School, we've discovered that teachers' library cards (offered to out of town teachers, who teach in Bridgeport) don't have an access to electronic resources. We've addressed that issue to the circulation committee and hoping that this would change soon, so teachers will be able to use electronic resources with their library cards.

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